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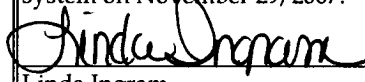
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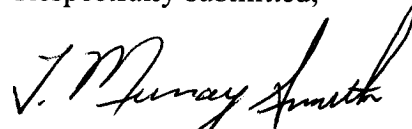
STATUS REQUEST
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Following receipt of the Advisory Action mailed on October 4, 2007, the undersigned contacted Examiner Trinh by telephone on October 16, 2007. The undersigned repeated certain arguments that were presented in the remarks of Applicants' last Response (filed September 27, 2007). In particular, the undersigned explained (1) why the Office Action mailed on August 31, 2007 cannot properly be a "final" rejection, and (2) why the August 31 Office Action is not complete. As part of this, the undersigned emphasized that the rejections of Claims 7 and 16 rely on claim language that is not actually present in either of those claims. The Examiner indicated that she needed to interrupt the telephone call in order to go to a meeting, but that she would consider these issues and call the undersigned back. Later the same day, the Examiner telephoned the undersigned, and left a voicemail message stating that, within about a week, she would issue a new Office Action re-opening examination on the merits.

To date, however, Applicants have not received the new Office Action, and the PTO's PAIR system does not show that any new Office Action has been mailed in this application. Accordingly, Applicants are filing this "Status Request and Interview Summary" document in order (1) to document the telephone conferences with Examiner Trinh, (2) to confirm the Examiner's statement that a new Office Action is being promptly issued in order to re-open prosecution on the merits, and (3) to inquire about the status of the new Office Action.

More specifically, it is Applicants' understanding (1) that the Office Action mailed on August 31, 2007 has been withdrawn (in part because it is not complete), (2) that the Examiner will promptly issue a new Office Action, and (3) that Applicants are not currently subject to any obligation to take action. Further, Applicants respectfully inquire about the status of the new Office Action, and in particular request notice of when the new Office Action will be mailed.

Respectfully submitted,



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